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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of

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on APPARATUS AND METHOD  
OF MAKING A SLIP-FREE  
WAFER BOAT

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<u>U.S. Patent No</u>	<u>Entitled</u>	<u>Dated</u>
5,858,103	Vertical Wafer Boat	01/12/1999
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5,931,666	Slip Free Vertical Rack Design Having Rounded Horizontal Arms	08/03/1999

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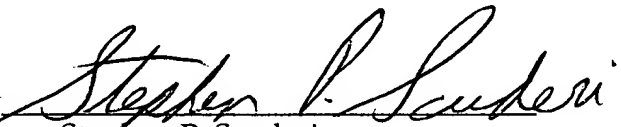
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